

MISSOURI

1. Memorandum of Understanding - Since 1996, the State of Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has had a memorandum of understanding with Germany for a teacher exchange program. Over 20 teachers at all grade levels and content areas have been involved. DESE has sent administrators and teachers to Germany for a two-week summer orientation to German education.
2. Programs "In Development" – (a) Partnerships among DESE, the University of Missouri at Kansas City (UMKC), and the Mexican Consulate to develop the EDUSTAT program. Mexico offers the EDUSTAT program via satellite to institutions and schools in the United States. The purpose is to assist Spanish speakers in their quest to advance their education from the GED level to the master's level. (b) Pilot program among DESE, several Mexican States, and the Migrant Education Center in Monett, Missouri to exchange teachers. Three teachers from Mexico are currently teaching in Missouri.
3. Teacher Exchange – Final year of a teacher exchange program with the Spanish Government and DESE. Two Spanish teachers are currently teaching in Missouri. When they return to Spain at the end of this school year, the program will end.

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